

REMARKS

I. Introduction

At the time of the Office Action December 21, 2007, claims 34-37, 39-48, 66, and 68-71 were pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 40, 41, 70, and 71 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, claims 39, 40, 41, and 66 have been amended, and claims 70 and 71 have been canceled. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Specifically, claims 39 and 66 have been amended to include the limitations recited in dependent claims 70 and 71, respectively. Claims 40 and 41 have been amended to be in independent form based on claim 39.

Claims 34-37, 39-48, 66, 68, and 69 are now active in this application, of which claims 39, 40, 41, and 66 are independent.

II. The Rejection of the Claims

Claims 34-37, 39, 42-47, and 68 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Guidash and Wong; claim 48 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being a patentable over Guidash, Wong, and Yamazaki; and claims 66 and 69 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being a patentable over Guidash, Wong, and Patterson.

The above rejections have been rendered moot by the amendment of claims 39 and 66 to include the limitations of allowable claims 70 and 71, respectively. Applicants, therefore, respectively solicit withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and favorable consideration thereof.

III. Conclusion

It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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